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Part B for May 1928

SUBJECT

Change of the Sanatgama form of worship in the Sri Sivasubramaniyaswami temple at Nagadi into that of Saidik Vidhana.

(24) to. The Nuwaraeliya Commissioner
" Con. Ceylon

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Issues instructions for the satisfactory conduct of worship in the temple and states that the change of form of worship in the temple will be considered if the arrangement does not work

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FILE HEADING.

Change of the Saiva Agama form of worship in the Sri Someswaraswami Temple at Magadi into that of Vaidik Vidhana.

From

The Mug: Comr in Mysore

No. 465 of 27-28 Dated 14.4.28 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends that, instead of one archak for 6 temples at present, 2 archaks may be appointed & given 3 temples each & if this does not work satisfactorily then the question of changing the form of worship may be considered.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

D 1414 Petn from the Devotees of Magadi Someswara Swami Temple praying, for reasons urged, that the Saivagama form of worship may be changed to Vaidika agama form.

Owing to irregular worship in the temple,

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Mr. K. Trivikramamurti Rao has been urging that the Saiva agama form of worship should be changed into vaidika agama form.

2. There being only one archak for 6 temples, daily & regular puja has been difficult to secure for this temple. It will be seen from the petn. of the devotees that the Sri Someswara temple contains only the mula vigraha, the utsava vigraha as being placed in the Kote Rameswara temple; that the devotees have a strong objection to visit the temple without utsava murti & Panchayatana, & to receive prasada. They, therefore, pray that the form should be changed into vaidika vidhana.

3. In accordance with the opinion of H.H. the Sringeri Swami, if regular worship in the temple cannot be arranged for on account of paucity of Saiva agamiks, then vaidika agamiks can be appointed for worship, after a fresh Pratishta.

4. The M.C. proposes to appoint one archak for 3 temples for the present and states that if this does not prove satisfactory

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~~postpone~~ the question of change of form of worship may be considered thereafter.

5. Subd. for orders as to whether the M.C's recommendation may be sanctd.

Sd 18.4.28

6. Owing to the general paucity of Sanyasi Agama men, the arrangement suggested by the Mur. Cmr will perhaps not work satisfactorily. It seems therefore necessary to change the Agama itself once for all in order to arrange for a regular worship being conducted at the temple.

Sd 18/4/28

7. In view of the fewness of the orthodox people any change at present & the necessity for a fresh Prathishta for change into Vedik Vidhana, the M.C's recommendation may be sanctioned perhaps.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE

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FROM

F. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A. B.L.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT
16 APR. 1928
No. 1540

To

F. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Financial Department.

SIR,

In submitting herewith the records relating to the question of the change of the Saiva Agama form of worship in the Sri ----- Someswaraswami Temple at Magadi, urged by Mr. Kadaik Krishnamurti Rao from time to time and latterly in his petition addressed to Government and forwarded to this office with your memo No.1345/-- Muz.dated 14th February 1928, I have the honor to state that as Archaks of the Saiva Agama persuasion are few, the inconvenience caused by the absence of these at times on account of pollution or other causes and the consequent stoppage of puja is to some extent true. The change of the agama from Saiva to Vaidika is sought, -- since under the latter any one other than persons belonging to limited class of the present Sivadhwaja Archaks can do the puja. The orthodox public of Magadi are not in favour of the change because the deity was first consecrated under Saiva Agama and the shastras did not allow such a change. On the other hand, His Holiness the Sringeri Swamigalu, whose views were invited on all the circumstances of the case in detail, (vide copy enclosed) is opinion that if puja was stopped, it necessitates a fresh pratis and that, in case archaks of Saivagama school were not available the fresh pratishta may be made according to Vaidika. Vaidika pujas performed accordingly in order to prevent the regular puja being neglected. This view was stated to be in accordance with

There are very few persons [illegible] to the present [illegible] in the state, [illegible] families being scattered here and there [illegible] naturally take advantage of their scarcity value. These people have no vested interest, and merely for the sake of continuing to see from the office of Tujari the interest of the institutions cannot be made to suffer. It is not possible for a single man to attend to all the institutions, and in my opinion we are justified when occasion arises in effecting necessary changes in order to afford the devotees greater convenience of worship.

The Sri Subramaniaswami temple is a famous institution of antiquarian interest founded by Tiruvengadanathan, whose statue is now proposed to be installed in the temple. This temple which was in a much dilapidated condition [illegible] has been renovated at great cost chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Krishnamurti Rao. Still improvements are going on. The grounds are kept very clean and daily puja is arranged for. Annual Rathotsava is held in the temple and a cattle show as well in connection therewith. In view of these circumstances, this institution has to be treated with a liberal spirit.

I have heard the parties concerned, viz. Krishnamurti and Mr. K.I. Thathachari, counsel for the archaka. I have also visited the institution, and made enquiries on the spot.

There are [illegible] other institutions at regard of which

1. Kadi Sri Kshetra	Subba Dikshitar is the archaka. The
2. [illegible]	situation of the temples is such --
3. [illegible]	that it is not possible for a single
4. Gangai Kondaswara	
5. [illegible]	
6. Tilakeswara alias Trilokeswara	archaka to perform the puja in all

the temples and it is therefore necessary to have at least two archakas. These institutions have land endowments, besides some cash grant. Proper income is not derived from these land endowments and if this is done it will be possible to appoint two archakas and each of them can be assured of adequate emoluments for the services he renders. The present Archaka Subba Dikshitar may be one of them, and in addition the 1st three of the last three institutions, another nominee of his may be appointed for the remaining institutions. This arrangement may be tried for some time and if it does not work satisfactorily, the question of taking the extreme step of changing the archaka may be considered.

I am taking necessary action improve the resources of the institutions.

Favour of early orders is solicited

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. Bhemaraj 12/4/18

Assistant Commissioner

For Muzrai Commissioner.

Absent from Station

D.O.No.U.465/27-28 dated 15th November 1927 from the Huzrai Commissioner in Mysore to the Agent, Sri Sringeri Matt camp Bangalore.

In ~~continuation~~ Connection with several petitions received from time to time from Mr. Kannick Krishnamurthi Rao of Magadi proposing to consecrate -- certain images viz. Vishnu, Navagraha and Ambika within the premises of the temple of Sri Someswaraswamy near Magadi in the Vaidika Agama form of worship, as the present form of worship of the main deity of Sri -- Someswaraswamy in the Saivagama form is not found to be convenient since the present archak has to perform puja in four temples at the place and other competent archaks who can perform puja in the Saivagama form are scarce and praying for changing the form of worship from Saivagama to that of the Vaidika agama in the main temples as well, I write to say that on enquiry through the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, it is ascertained that the orthodox public of Magadi viz., Kethamudre Venkatanarainna Sastry and others are of ~~the~~ the opinion that the long established - form of worship in temple cannot be changed except in cases such as revival of puja in institutions not in service and the consecration of new images in place of mutilated ones. The Agamik of this office to whom the matter was referred states with reference to certain authorities -- on the subject, that sastras do not admit of the proposed change. Mr. Krishnamurthi Rao in urging the matter again requests that the question may be referred to the Sri matt for favour of opinion of H.H. the Sringeri Jagadguruvaru. I request you to kindly place this matter before His -- Holiness for favour of the views about the proposed change of the Agama form of worship. The connected papers are herewith sent for reference and kindly return.

I am very sorry to trouble His Holiness, but as an important ~~questn~~ question of liturgy is involved, I have taken the liberty of approaching His Holiness for his help in the solution of the question.

"Copy"

M. Shamanna

for Huzrai Commissioner

Letter No.2506 dated camp Malleswaram, 20th November 1927 from the Agent, Sringeri Matt, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore

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"I am in receipt of your D.O.letter No.C.465/27-28 dated the 14th instant, with enclosure, and I have submitted the records to His Holiness Sri Jagadguru.

On a careful perusal of the records, his holiness feels that the officers to be entrusted with the archaka work of the several temples it maintains in a single individual without any one else to assist him in the discharge of his duties, it is not possible for him to attend to the daily services in all the temples. What is required, the daily pujas are not properly performed. His holiness is not in a position to bring to bear his experience, he has had ample opportunity of seeing for himself the actual difficulties in the way of the -- pujas should be properly and regularly conducted in the temples which were established for the welfare of his disciples the Maharaja and his subjects, and that his representation deserves consideration.

Though it may be advisable to change the mode of --- Salvagama form of worship in the temples in question, to the Vaidika Vidhana, it is impossible to do so much to the pujas in the temples unless the pujas will cease to be performed. The change of, or the interpretation of the rules of worship, either according to the Salvagama, or the Vaidika Vidhana, or other usage. The Shastras enjoin that the daily services in --- regularly performed on one of the pujas, even instead of to be made before again giving the puja.

For the above reasons, his holiness is of opinion that Government might appoint archaka separately for each of the temples, and of each of these archakas to be entrusted the duties of the pujas to be performed in the temples, that the pujas may be properly and regularly in all the temples, that in case archaka of the Salvagama school not fit for the duties, the Vaidika Pratishta may be made according to Vaidika Vidhana and pujas performed according to order to prevent the irregularities in the pujas. The above view is in accordance with the Shastras.

P.S. The collected records received with the letter are herewith returned.

"C o l t"

M. Chennaiah

For Muzrai Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE

Bangalore Dated 19th April 1928

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FROM

P. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

20 APR 1928

To

R. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness

The Maharaja of Mysore, Financial Department.

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SIR,

In continuation of this office No. C. 405/27-3 dated the 14th instant in Re: the change of Agamain the Sri Somesvara temple at Magadi, I have the honor to forward herewith three petitions received in this office for and against the change of the Agama form of worship.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Sheemanthraj 19/4/28

Assistant Commissioner,
For Muzrai Commissioner,
(Absent from Station)

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d :-

Correspondence ending with letter No 465 of 1927-28 dated 14th April 1928 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, reporting on the petition of Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, of Magadi praying for a change of worship in the Sri Someswara swami Temple at Magadi.

Order No. Dated

2020-1.

Mucr 303-27-4

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao has proposed a change from the Saiva Agama form of worship to Vaidi Vidhana on the ground that the former is found to be inconvenient at present due to paucity of proper qualified Archaks and that consequently there is no regular conduct of worship in the temples concerned. The Muzrai Commissioner reports that orthodox people are not in favour of the proposed change that His Holiness the Swamigalu of Sringeri is of opinion that if puja is stopped, a fresh Prathishta will become necessary and a change may then be made if Archaks of the Saiva Agama School are not for coming. The Muzrai Commissioner considers that owing to the importance of the present temple a change would be justified when occasion arises in order to afford the devotees greater convenience of worship but states that such a change is not called for at present.

The present Archak has to do puja for the marginally noted 3 institutions and on account of their situation from each other cannot do puja in all these. After hearing the parties, the Muzrai Commissioner proposes that man may be appointed to be in charge of

1. Magadi Someswara.
2. Kota Rameswara.
3. Prasanna Rameswara.
4. Gangadhareswara.
5. Panchalingeswara.
6. Bilveswara alias Srikanteswara.

three ~~3~~ institutions ~~each~~, the present Archak Subba Diksnit being one of them, ~~taking up the 1st or last three and another may be nominated by him;~~ that ~~the~~ this arrangement may be tried for some time and that the question of change of form of worship - may be considered if ~~this~~ it does not work satisfactorily and that in the meantime steps would be taken to improve the resources of the temples so as to secure - sufficient income to the archaks concerned.

In the circumstances stated, the - proposals of the Muzrai Commissioner are - sanctioned.

Secretary,
Financial Department.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner, in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government. returning enclosures -

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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R e a d : -

Correspondence ending with letter No.465 of 1927-28 dated 14th April 1928, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, reporting on the petition of Mr.Karnik Krishnamurti Rao of Magadi praying for a change of worship in the Sri Someswaraswami and other Temples at Magadi. Secure one file to M.C

O r d e r No: 2020-1/Mag 8 3.V.1928

Bangalore dated the May 1928.

Mr.Krishnamurti Rao has proposed a change from the Saiva Agama form of worship to Vaidika Vidhana on the ground that the former is found to be inconvenient at present due to paucity of properly qualified Archaks and that consequently there is no regular conduct of worship in the temples concerned. The Muzrai Commissioner reports that orthodox people are not in favour of the proposed change and that His Holiness the Swamigalu of Sringeri is of opinion that if puja is stopped, a fresh Prathishta will become necessary and a change may then be made if Archaks of the Saiva Agama School are not forth-coming. The Muzrai Commissioner considers that owing to the importance of the temples a change might be justified when occasion arises in order to afford the devotees greater convenience of worship but states that such a change is not called for at present.

There is only one Archak now and he has to do puja in the marginally noted six institutions and this management is not found to be satisfactory. After hearing the parties, the Muzrai Commissioner proposes that two men may be appointed each to be in charge of three institutions, the present Archak Subba Dikshit being one of them, that this

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this arrangement might be tried for some time and that the question of change of form of worship might be considered if it does not work satisfactorily.

In the circumstances stated, the proposals of the Muzrai Commissioner are approved.

For Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

The Comptroller to Government.